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Petersbourg, September 15, O. S.

A Letter from Field-Marshal Count Munich to the Duke of Courland, dated from the Camp beyond the Pruth, the 29th of August, O. S.

THE happy Successes I am going to relate, must be wholly ascribed to the Blessing of Almighty God, to whom we have infinite Reason to give the humblest Thanks. It must be acknowledged, that his Hand has guided all the Enterprizes of her Majesty our most gracious Empress. The Pruth shall be no longer named by Russians with Execration, but with Benediction, as opening the Way to a speedy and honourable Peace.

To draw in one Campaign, from the Don and the Donetz, from the Lines in the Ukraine, and from several Provinces far distant from the Dnieper, an Army to meet together near Kiow; to pass with it the Dnieper, which had overflowed in an extraordinary Manner a German Mile in Breadth; to march from the Frontiers of Russia to those of Moldavia, cross Poland, without taking there the least Thing for our Carriages, or for Provisions; to pass the Bug, which the Enemy threatened to dispute with us; to pass even the Dniester without any Obstacle, though the Enemy were there with all their Forces; to make our Way over the Mountains of Choczim, and through the difficult Defilez near Tzorna-Ulze; to send Parties, in Sight as one may say of the Enemy, to drive together Thousands of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep, in Moldavia, and bring them to that Side of the Pruth where we then lay; consequently to furnish the Army with what was wanting for our Carriages, and with Provisions, out of the Enemy's Country, without the Loss of one Man; to repel with visibly great Loss to the Enemy, all the Attacks of the Turks and Tartars; to beat out of a fortified Camp the Seraskier Sultan with all his Hords of Tartars, as also Koltschak Basha, with his Serdengetsies or Adventurers who profess neither to give nor take Quarter, and with his Lipkanes; lastly, to attack the Seraskier Wely Bashaw, who had the Command of the Enemy's whole Army, amounting to 90000 Men, by whom we were surrounded on all Sides, and to give him a total Defeat; to make a Booty in his fortified Camp, of all the Tents and Baggage, of 6 Mortars and 42 Cannon of Brass, and all the Ammunition and Provisions, and to have but 70 Men on our Side killed or wounded; to take the important Fortress of Choczim, having for its Defence 157 Brass Cannon, with Stores answerable; to make Prisoners of War a Bashaw of Three Tails, and his Garrison, without lighting one Match; to pursue the Enemy to the Pruth, to pass that River with the Army, to build Forts on each Side of it; to fix a Footing in the Midst of the Enemy's Country, to chase the Hospodar of Moldavia from one End of it to the other, and make him fly to the other Side of the Danube; to levy Contributions, and take Provisions from the Enemy; to see our Army with hardly one sick Person in it, in full Prosperity and Abundance: All this, I say, could not have happened, without being conducted and supported by the Hand of Almighty God. Most of these Events are of such a Nature, that those who were not present at them may call many Particulars in Doubt, and among others this, that the Janissaries approaching fiercely to make an Attack, were suddenly stopt by so vigorous a Fire, that they had not Time to discharge their Pieces or to handle their Sabres: The Fright of the Enemy was such, that a great Number of them were found drowned three Days after the Action some Miles below the Station our Army was in, and the greatest Part of them fled as far as to the Danube, without daring to cast a Look behind them. On the other hand, never did Army express more Ardour to fight, than ours. Deputations and Letters of Congratulation from Poland, have come to us one after another: And with the further Help of God, we cannot doubt of a very happy Issue of the Campaigne.

Petersbourg, Sept. 19, O. S. On the 16th Instant this Court received Letters by an Express from Vienna, with Advice that the Preliminaries of Peace between the Emperour and the Ottoman Porte were agreed and signed on the 21st past in the Turkish Camp before Belgrade: This News gave the greater Surprize, because Russia is not included in those Preliminaries. Immediately after the Arrival of the Express, this Court dispatched another to Field-Marshal Count Munich, who 'tis said carries Orders to him to repass the Dniester, and to demolish Choczim and abandon it.